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I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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[1] Item 3 will be taken up at the first part of the session (13-14 March 2000).

[2] Item 4 will be taken up at the second part of the session (17-19 April 2000).

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Election of officers

1. Under rule 64, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board, and in accordance with the cycle of rotation for the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur, the Chairman of the Working Party at its twenty-fifth session shall be a representative of one of the States members in list D. The Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur shall be a representative of one of the States members of list A (Africa).

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The provisional agenda for the thirty-fifth session of the Working Party, as reproduced in section I above, was approved by the Working Party at its thirty-fourth session, on 1 October 1999.

Item 3: Review of the UNCTAD section of the United Nations medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

3. The Working Party will have before it the draft prepared by the secretariat of the four-year medium-term plan of the United Nations covering UNCTAD. Constituting the principal policy directive of the United Nations, the medium-term plan is a translation of legislative mandates into work programmes, and its objectives and strategies are derived from the policy orientations and goals set by intergovernmental organs. In turn the plan serves as a framework for the formulation of the biennial programme budget. Through document A/54/89 of 28 April 1999, the General Assembly was informed that the Working Party would review the draft in March 2000 following the tenth session of the Conference and prior to its submission to the General Assembly through the Committee for Programme and Coordination, the Economic and Social Council, and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Item 4: Review of the UNCTAD programme of work for the biennium 2000-2001, in the light of the outcome of the tenth session of the Conference

4. The Working Party will have before it a proposed revision to the work programme narrative of the UNCTAD section of the United Nations programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, including information in line with paragraph 171 of the Plan of Action adopted by UNCTAD X.

Item 5: Provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session of the Working Party

5. The UNCTAD secretariat will submit to the Working Party for its consideration a draft provisional agenda for its thirty-sixth session.

Item 6: Other business

Item 7: Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

6. The report of the Working Party on its thirty-fifth session will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board